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BLUE

THE ORIGINAL X-MEN--MARVEL GIRL, CYCLOPS, ICEMAN, ANGEL AND BEAST--WERE DISPLACED IN TIME AND BROUGHT TO OUR PRESENT. UNDER THE GUIDANCE OF THEIR FORMER ARCHENEMY AND NOW ALLY, MAGNETO, AND JOINED BY JIMMY HUDSON, THE SON OF A WOLVERINE FROM AN ALTERNATE UNIVERSE, THEY WILL SHOW THE WORLD THAT THEY ARE THE HEROES THEY WERE ALWAYS MEANT TO BE.

PREVIOUSLY IN **X-MEN BLUE**...

PREYING ON HANK MCCOY'S INSECURITY AND PRIDE, THE GOBLIN QUEEN TRICKED HIM INTO BECOMING A CONDUIT FOR HER SPELLWORK AND FELL UNDER HER CONTROL, TRANSFORMING INTO A MINDLESS, WHITE HORNED ANIMAL. HANK WAS FORCED TO SUMMON THE HEX-MEN, A GROUP OF EVIL ALTERNATE-DIMENSION X-MEN, WHO EASILY DEFEATED MAGNETO, POLARIS, DANGER AND ICEMAN.

WITH ANGEL AND JIMMY GONE INVESTIGATING JIMMY'S MYSTERIOUS PAST, JEAN AND SCOTT WERE FORCED TO RETREAT AND RUN FOR HELP TO THE MUTANT PROTECTORS OF MADRIPOOR, THE RAKSHA. NOW, THE GOBLIN QUEEN HAS TURNED HER ATTENTION TO FULFILLING HER TRUE PURPOSE--USING HANK TO SUMMON ALL ALTERNATE VERSIONS OF HERSELF AND CONQUER THE WORLD!

TOIL AND TROUBLE

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BEAST
HANK MCCOY



ICEMAN
BOBBY DRAKE



JIMMY HUDSON

SOME TIME AGO.

THE XAVIER SCHOOL FOR
GIFTED YOUNGSTERS

AS A CHILD, LIVING
ON THE STREETS OF
CAIRO, I WAS
ALWAYS HUNGRY.

THERE WERE TIMES
WHEN I WOULD
HAVE DONE ALMOST
ANYTHING TO FILL
MY BELLY.

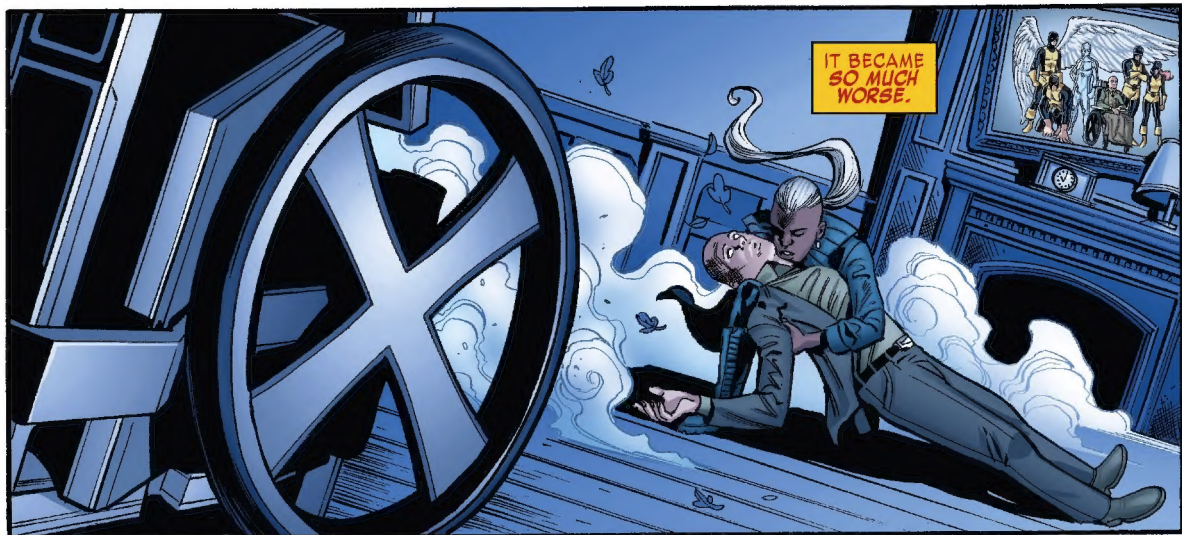
HUNGER
CONTROLLED
ME.

AS A
TEENAGER, I MET
A MONSTER--
THE VAMPIRE
PRACULA.

HE TOOK ME FROM
THE STREETS AND
GAVE ME A TERRIBLE
PURPOSE.

LATER...AFTER
I FREED MYSELF
FROM HIM...I FOUND
ANOTHER HOME AND
ANOTHER PURPOSE
AMONG THE X-MEN.

BUT THE
HUNGER NEVER
WENT AWAY.



IT BECAME
SO MUCH
WORSE.



ONLY IN THE
MOMENTS AFTER
I HAVE FED DO I
FEEL EVEN THE
SLIGHTEST HINT
OF FREEDOM.



BUT THE FEELING IS
SO HEARTBREAKINGLY
FLEETING.

OH, MY.
ORORO--
BLOODSTORM--
YOU HAVE
BEEN A BAD
GIRL.



I NO LONGER
SERVE THE
VAMPIRE WHO
CORRUPTED ME.

DON'T
WORRY, IT'S
NOTHING I HAVEN'T
SEEN FROM YOU
BEFORE.

I'M NOT
JUDGING.

I'VE BEEN
WATCHING YOU
FOR A LONG
TIME, DEAR.



AND I
JUST HATE
SEEING YOU IN
SUCH A FERAL
STATE.

THAT'S WHY
I'VE COME TO
YOU WITH AN
OFFER.

YOU
HELP ME.
I'LL HELP
YOU.

BUT
HUNGER STILL
CONTROLS
ME...



...A HUNGER TO BE
FOREVER FREE OF
THIS CURSE.

**THE X-MANSION.
MADRIPOOR.
NOW.**



THE GOBLIN QUEEN
HAS PROMISED TO
RELEASE ME FROM
THE TORMENT OF
UNDEATH.



BUT ONLY
AFTER SHE HAS
ACCOMPLISHED
HER OWN GOALS.

C'MON,
HANK...THIS
ISN'T YOU.

WHAT HAS
BECOME OF
YOU, BOY?



SHE HAS MADE
SIMILAR PACTS
WITH OTHERS...LIKE THIS
WORLD'S BEAST...
OFFERING TO GRANT
WISHES LIKE A GENIE
FROM A BOTTLE.

BOBBY...
MAGNETO...
YOU CANNOT
UNDERSTAND.



BUT I HAVE
STARTED TO
WONDER IF I HAVE
BEEN PLAYED THE
FOOL.



SHE USED FALSE HOPE LIKE SUGAR TO SWEETEN HER TREACHERY.

YES!

YES!

COME FORWARD, MY SISTERS!

JOIN ME!

OUR SOULS ARE FRAGMENTED ACROSS TIME AND SPACE, BUT NOW WE WILL BE MADE WHOLE!

WE'LL MAKE THIS WORLD OUR PLAYGROUND!



LOOK AT THEM ALL, MY BEAST!

A DOZEN GOBLIN QUEENS FROM A DOZEN REALITIES!

A DOZEN--MORE!

YOU HELPED TO MAKE THIS HAPPEN, MY PARLING.

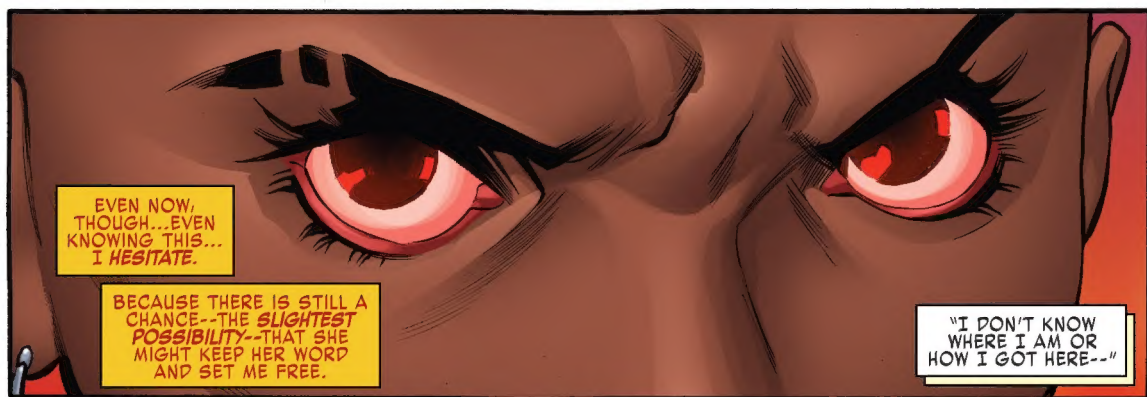


I WILL NOT FORGET WHAT YOU'VE DONE. I WILL REWARD YOU, AS I HAVE SWORN.

JUST IMAGINE ALL THE LESSONS MY SISTERS WILL TEACH YOU!

YOU'LL HAVE POWER TO RIVAL THIS WORLD'S GREATEST WARLOCKS.

TO THE BEAST, SHE HAS PROMISED FORBIDDEN KNOWLEDGE.



ARROW RIDGE,
COLORADO.

--BUT
I'M AWAKE
NOW.

AND
I WOKE UP
CRANKY!

AND THE
FIRST FACES
I SEE WHEN I
OPEN MY EYES
BELONG TO THE
X-MEN?!

KIRA, GET
BACK!

YOUR
FACES ARE
GETTING
CRUSHED!

SWAT!

OOPH!

BLOB--WE
DIDN'T HAVE
ANYTHING TO DO
WITH PUTTING
YOU HERE.

JUST
CALM DOWN
AND WE CAN
FIGURE IT
OUT!

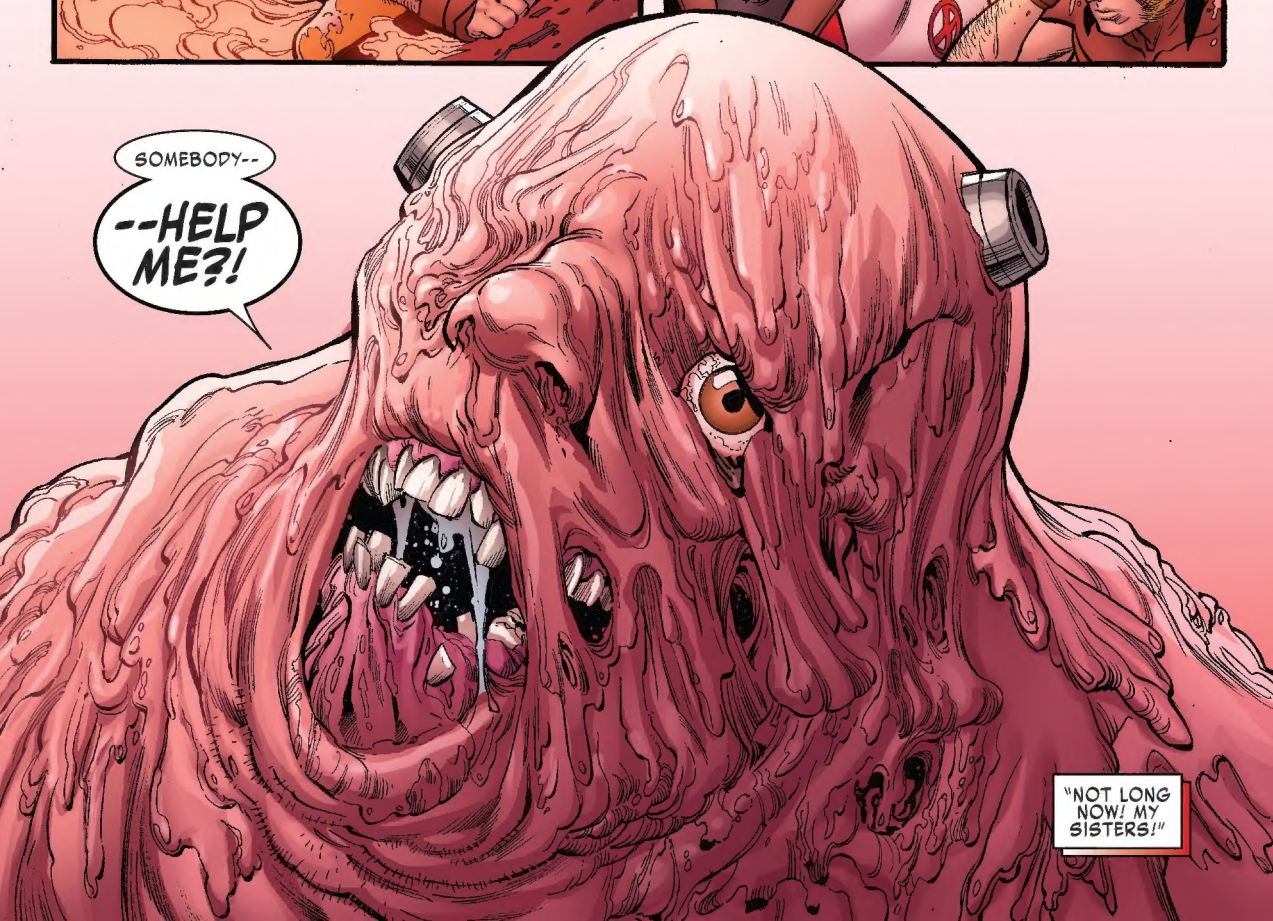
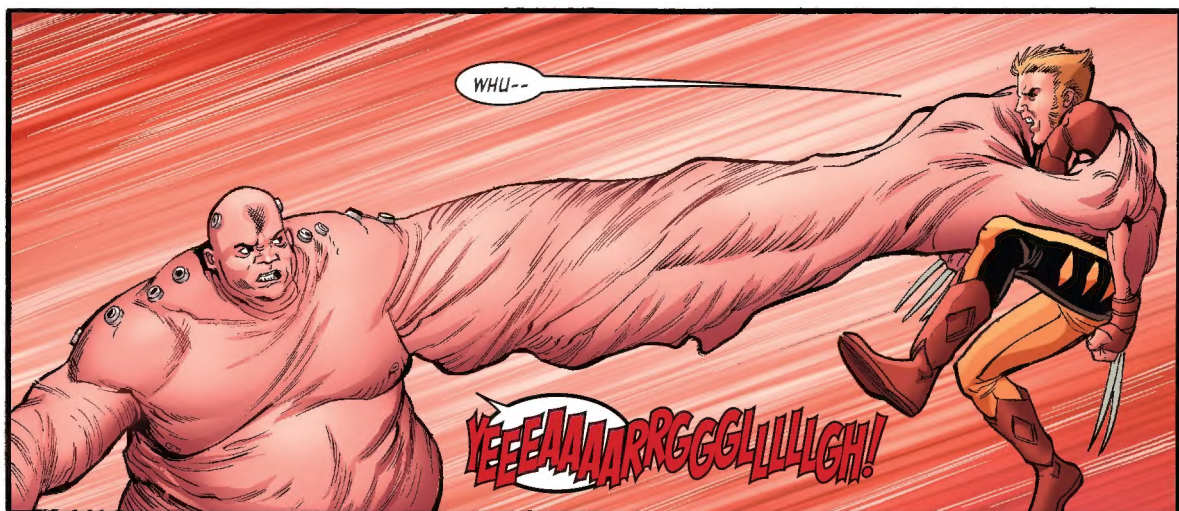
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HERE'S
A TIP,
ANGEL.

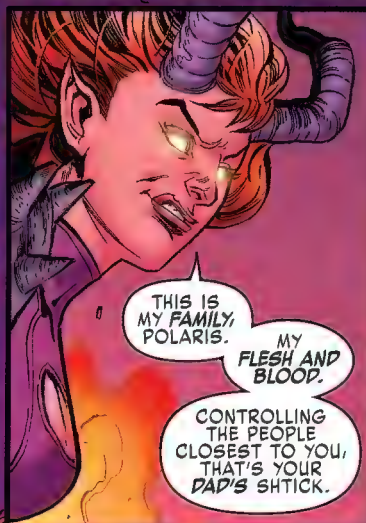
IF YOU
WANT SOMEONE
TO CALM DOWN,
TRY NOT SETTING
THEM ON
FIRE!

AND IF
YOU DO SET
SOMEONE FIRE,
YA BETTER MAKE
SURE YA DON'T
HAVE BIRD
BONES!





"NOT LONG NOW! MY SISTERS!"





SORRY, LADY. BUT I'M TAKING MY HOUSE BACK!

AND HOW DO YOU PLAN ON STOPPING ME, JEAN?

YOU COULDN'T HANDLE MY HEX-MEN BEFORE, AND I DON'T THINK MUCH HAS CHANGED SINCE THAT BEATDOWN.

AND NOW YOU'VE BROUGHT YOUR OWN SQUAD OF GOTHY LITTLE MUTANTS IN FOR THE ASSIST.

RAKSHA! CLEAR A PATH! TAKE DOWN AS MANY DEMONS AS YOU CAN!

CYCLOPS... YOU'VE ONLY BROUGHT THEM HERE TO DIE!

I SUPPOSE IMITATION IS THE HIGHEST FORM OF FLATTERY, BUT STILL.

HEX-MEN-- DESTROY THEM!



WE'VE GOT TO TAKE THE GOBLIN QUEEN DOWN!

BEFORE SHE FINISHES HER SPELL OR WHATEVER!

SOMEBODY--



I MUST SAY, SOME OF MY NEW FRIENDS ARE SIMPLY GIDDY TO SEE CYCLOPS AGAIN.

ESPECIALLY BECAUSE HE LOOKS SO YOUNG AND VIRILE.



FIRST OF ALL-- EW.

SECOND OF ALL, IS THERE ANY EVIL WOMAN YOU HAVEN'T HOOKED UP WITH?

HEY! YOU CAN'T BLAME ME FOR WHAT MY OLDER SELF MIGHT HAVE DONE!

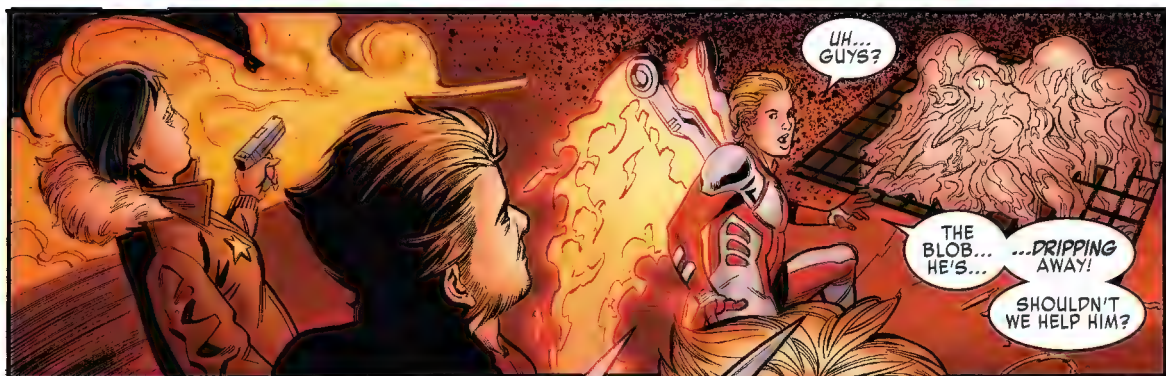
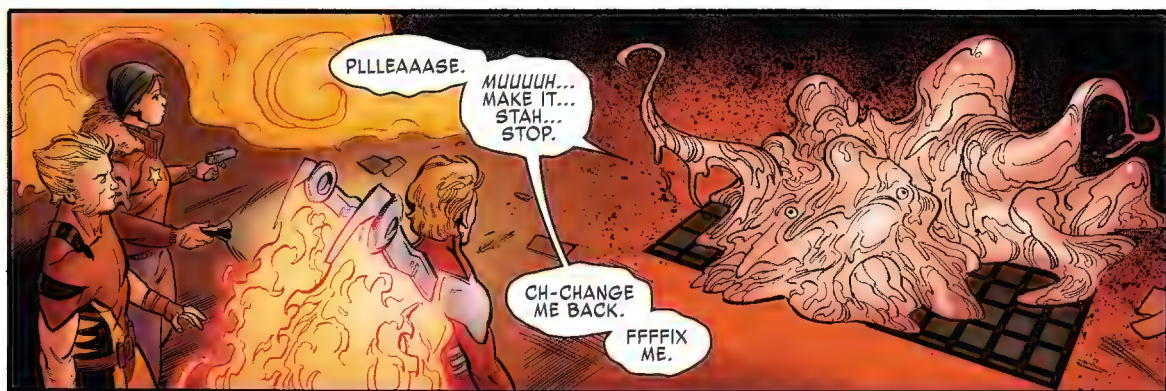
OH YEAH?



WATCH ME.

BAMF

"PPLLU- PLEEEAAAASE."





WHAT IS IT?

WHAT SHE DID TO THAT GUY...THAT BLOB...IT SOUNDED LIKE IT HAD SOMETHING TO DO WITH ME...

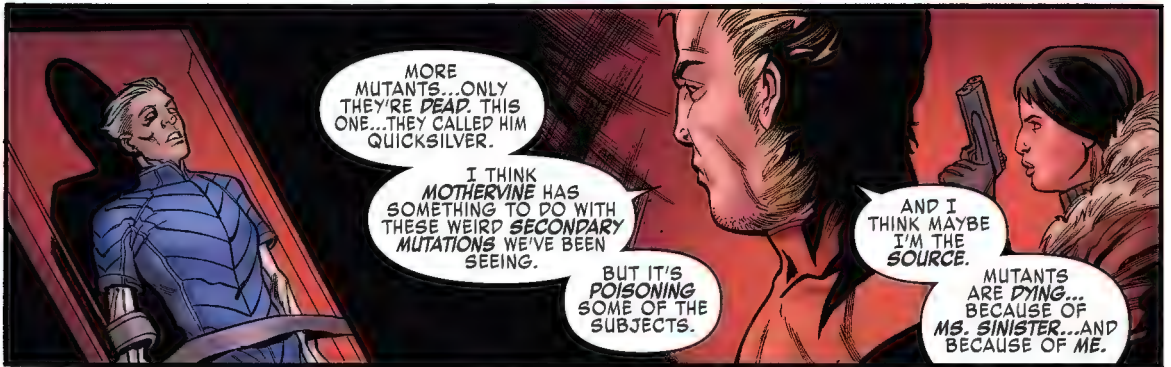
...AND WITH THE OTHERS WHO CAME FROM--*

*SEE X-MEN BLUE #4 & #5. --X-MARK



BLOB... FRED...

...I DON'T KNOW IF YOU CAN HEAR ME...IF YOU CAN UNDERSTAND ME...



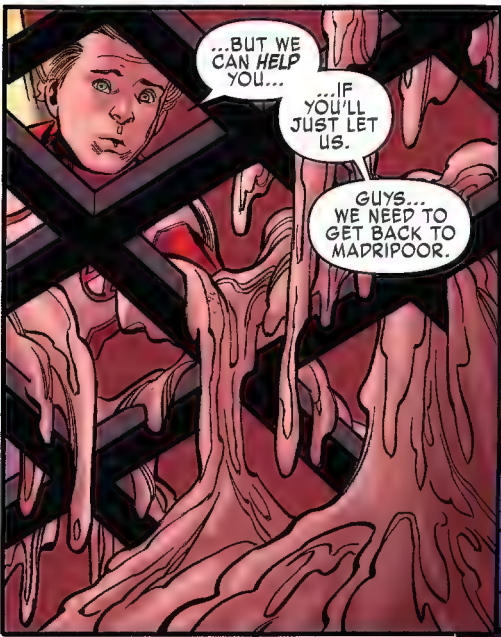
MORE MUTANTS...ONLY THEY'RE DEAD. THIS ONE...THEY CALLED HIM QUICKSILVER.

I THINK MOTHERVINE HAS SOMETHING TO DO WITH THESE WEIRD SECONDARY MUTATIONS WE'VE BEEN SEEING.

BUT IT'S POISONING SOME OF THE SUBJECTS.

AND I THINK MAYBE I'M THE SOURCE.

MUTANTS ARE DYING... BECAUSE OF MS. SINISTER...AND BECAUSE OF ME.



...BUT WE CAN HELP YOU...

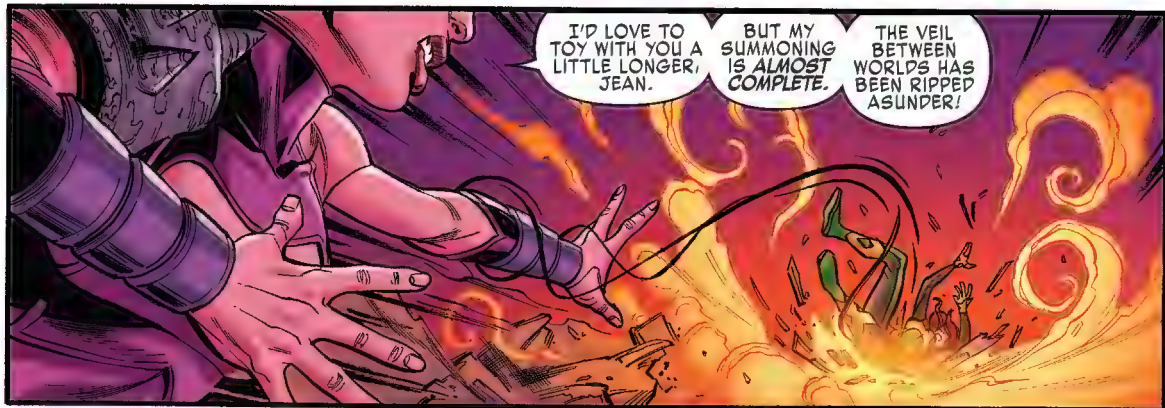
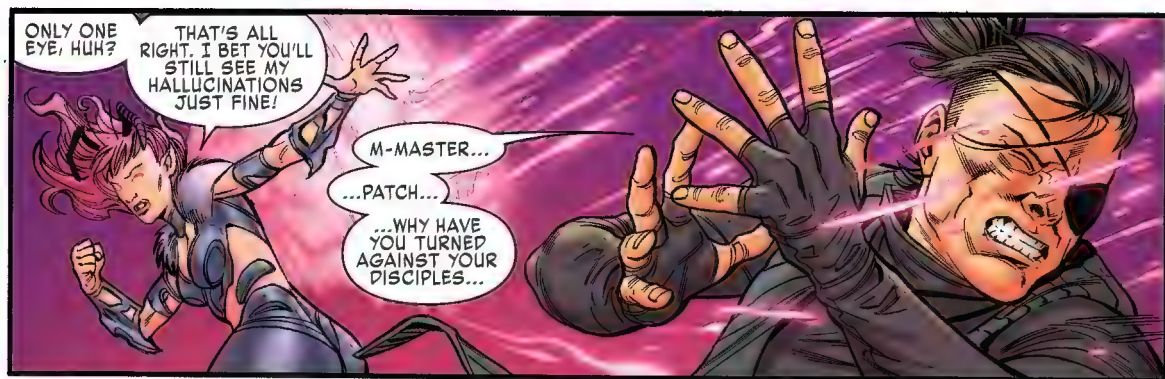
...IF YOU'LL JUST LET US.

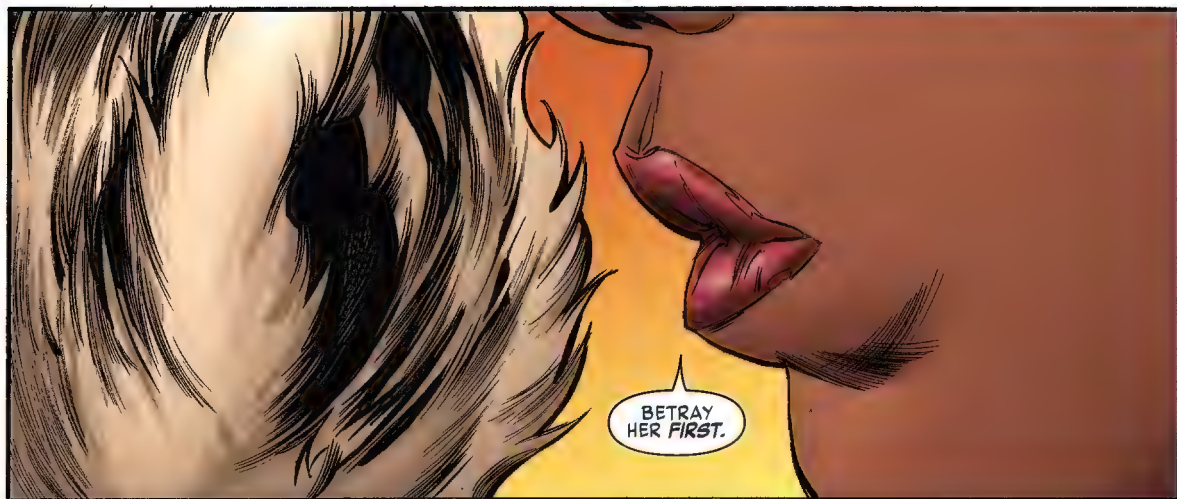
GUYS... WE NEED TO GET BACK TO MADRIPPOOR.



YEAH-- BEFORE MISS SINISTER INTRODUCES MOTHERVINE TO THE WORLD AT LARGE.









I...
...CAN DO
THAT.



IN ALL
WORLDS...
...IN ALL
REALITIES...
...HENRY IS
TORMENTED...

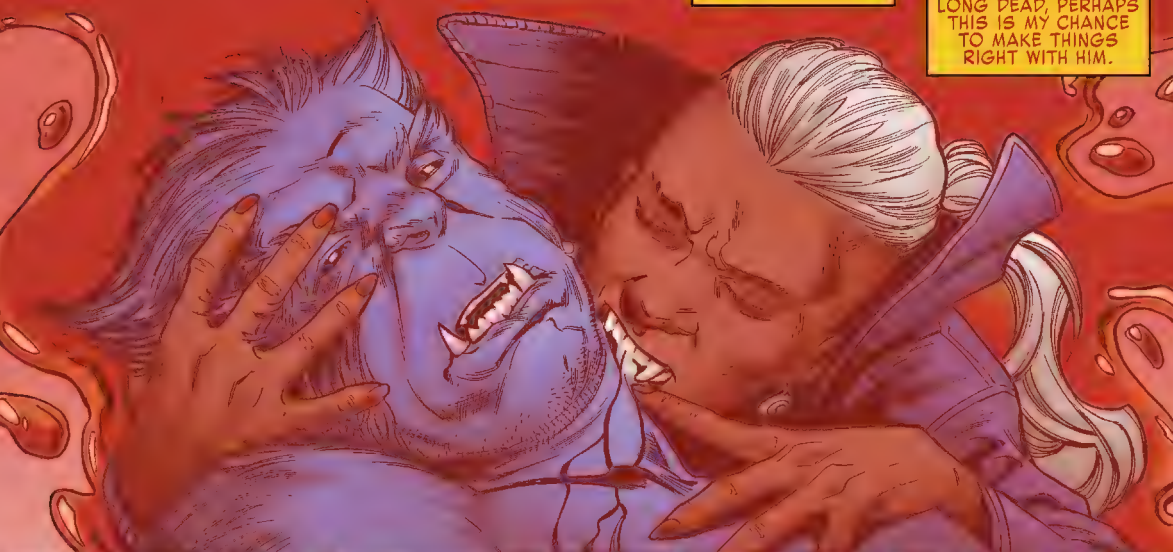
I
IMAGINE
SO.
...BUT
HE IS
A GOOD
MAN.

YES...

HE IS ONE
OF THE **BEST**.

AND I WILL NEVER
FORGIVE MYSELF
FOR WHAT I DID
TO HIM.

ALTHOUGH THE
BEAST I KNEW IS
LONG DEAD, PERHAPS
THIS IS MY CHANCE
TO MAKE THINGS
RIGHT WITH HIM.



BEAST?!
WHAT
ARE YOU
DOING?

YOU... YOU
CAN'T! YOU
CAN'T CAST ME
OUT--NOT AFTER
ALL I'VE DONE
FOR YOU!

IF YOU
DO THIS,
YOU'LL NEVER
BECOME
THE--



WH-
WHAT?!

N-NO!

RELEASE
ME!

COME,
SISTER!
COME!

WE ARE
SISTERS!
HOW CAN YOU
TURN AGAINST
ME?

THE DOORS
SWING CLOSE!
BUT YOU MUST
COME WITH
US!



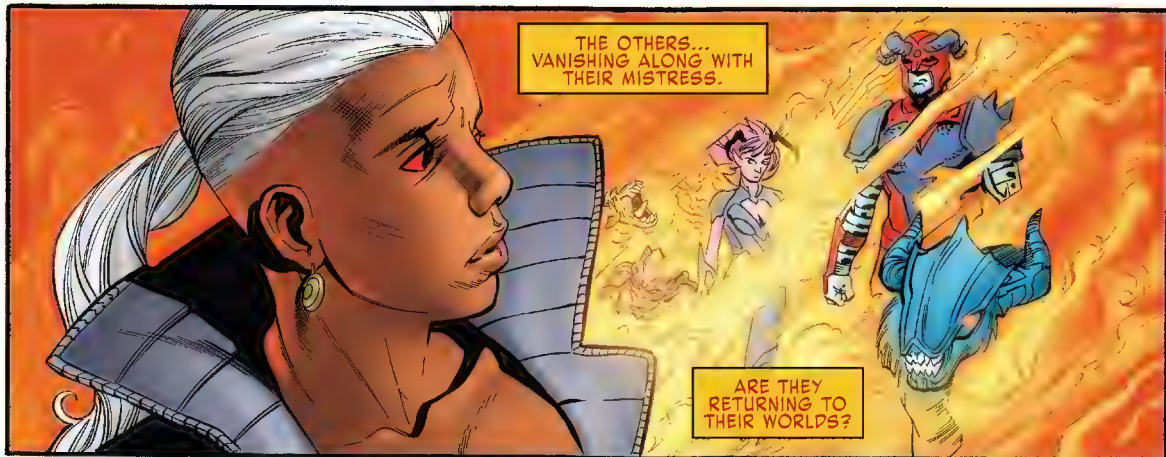
OH--
OH, NO.

I DON'T
WANT--

DON'T
LOOK,
JEAN.

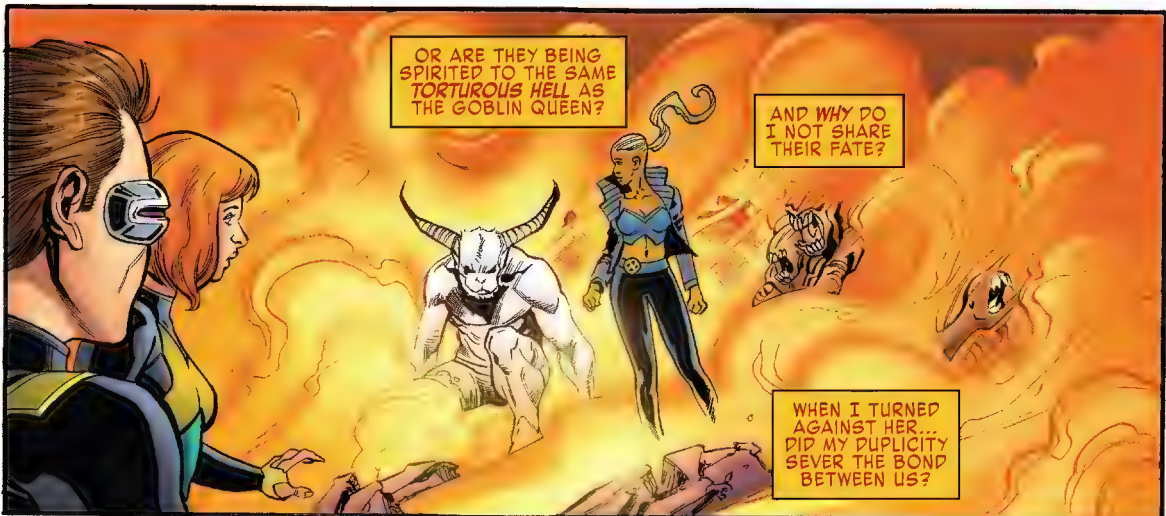
JUST CLOSE
YOUR EYES
AND I'LL TELL
YOU WHEN IT'S
OVER.

Nooooo



THE OTHERS...
VANISHING ALONG WITH
THEIR MISTRESS.

ARE THEY
RETURNING TO
THEIR WORLDS?

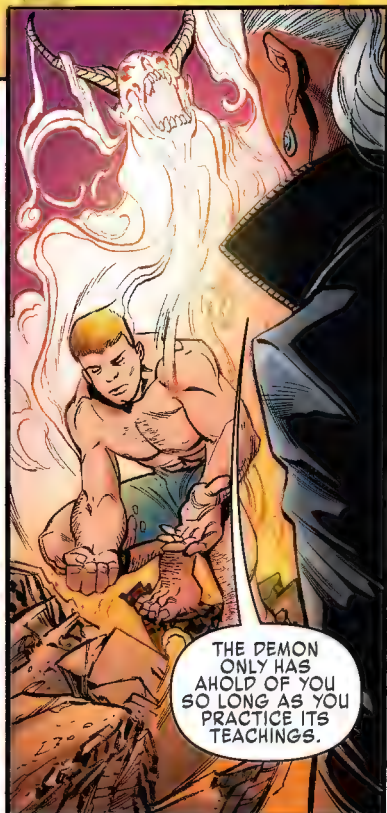
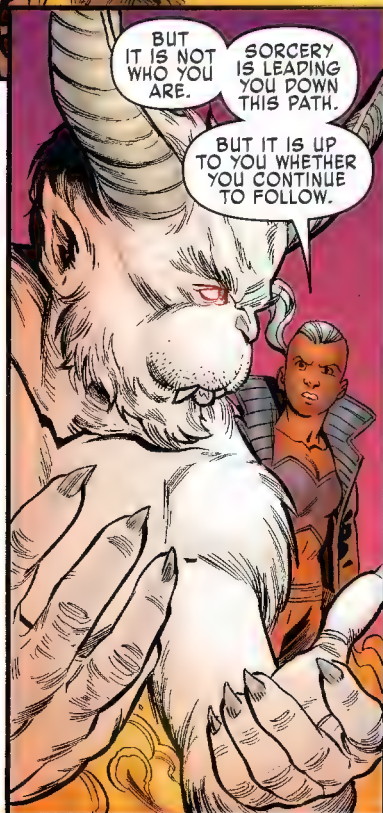
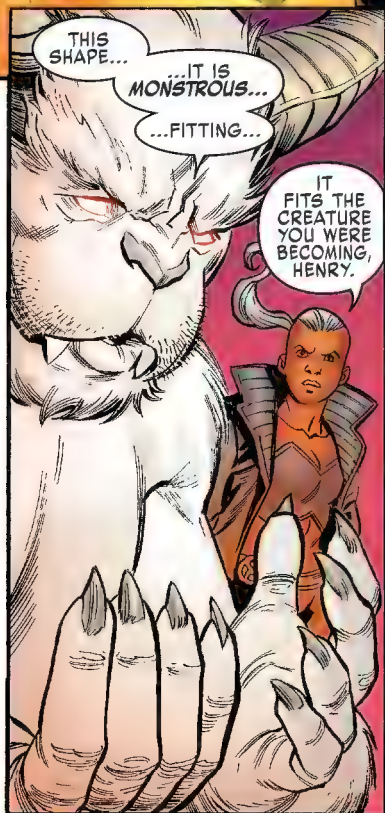
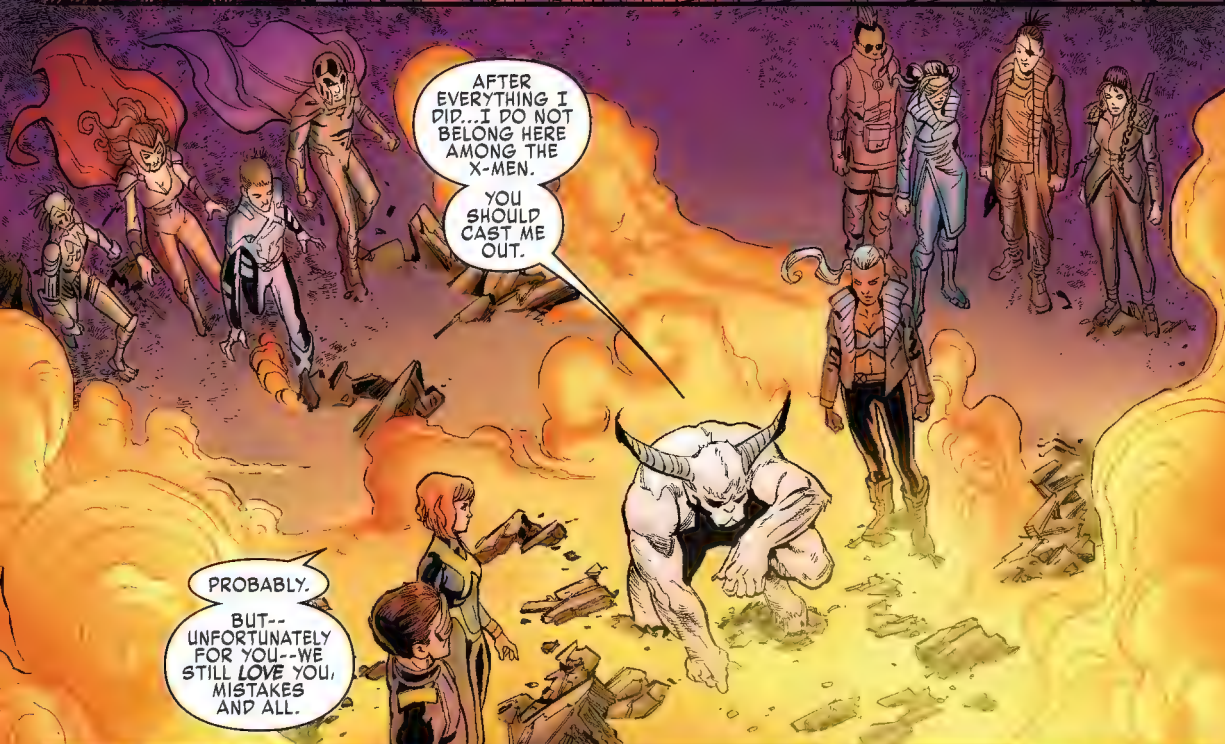


OR ARE THEY BEING
SPIRITED TO THE SAME
TORTUROUS HELL AS
THE GOBLIN QUEEN?

AND WHY DO
I NOT SHARE
THEIR FATE?

WHEN I TURNED
AGAINST HER...
DID MY DUPLCITY
SEVER THE BOND
BETWEEN US?

**THE X-MANSION.
LATER.**





LETTERS TO MADRIPOOK

SEND YOUR THOUGHTS ON X-MEN BLUE TO OFFICEX@MARVEL.COM. MARK YOUR MAIL "OKAY TO PRINT"!

Assistant Editor Extraordinaire Christina Harrington here, hoping you enjoyed "Toil and Trouble" as much as I did. Any time we get teenage angst, magic and puns all in one place (c'mon, HEX-Men was pun perfection), I'm a happy editor.

Next we've got an eXciting X-over with X-MEN GOLD, starting next week with GOLD #13 (on sale 10/04). It's a story that starts with a softball game between the two teams and will take us all the way to Mojo's front door. It's MOJO WORLDWIDE! Featuring the return of fan-favorite, Longshot.

We haven't had the room for a letters page in ages and an X-Men book without a letters page doesn't really feel like an X-Men book, you know? Let's make up for that right now, by running as many of your letters as possible.

*Until next time, be good to each other,
Christina*

Hello,

I have recently picked up X-MEN BLUE #7 and I gotta say, "Good job!" The writing in this issue was just phenomenal (all thanks to the wonderful Cullen Bunn)! In fact, this entire series has become one of my favorites. I hope you guys continue this amazing work and thanks for all the amazing comics you've been putting out.

Sincerely,
Aaron

Dear X-Office,

Let me start by apologizing. I never touched X-MEN BLUE (or ALL-NEW X-MEN) because I felt like these time-displaced X-Men were kind of bratty and whiny with no real purpose in the MU. However, after reading issue #7, kicking off the Secret Empire tie-in arc, I realized how wrong I was. Bunn did an awesome job with the various characters' personalities and I felt extremely connected to the team. I was a fan of the Marvel Now MAGNETO series Bunn wrote and was pleasantly surprised to see Briar Raleigh still kicking around Magneto! Jimmy Hudson has me very intrigued and I can't wait to see what you do with him!

This tie-in was way more than I thought it was going to be and you have me hooked.

Thank you to X-Office for some quality X-Books! Very pleased mutantkind is shining bright these days!

Sincerely,
Nicholas Ricci
Boston, Massachusetts

I have been collecting X-MEN for over 50 years and I love X-MEN BLUE. It's just like the old days. Iceman made me laugh out loud with his "Iceman smash!" It was such a dope move and very funny in a Hulk way.

Gary Johnson
Sydney

Hey X-Office,

Just finished X-MEN BLUE #7, and as usual it's got me hyped. I already tweeted this, but to reiterate: Y'ALL GOT ANY MORE OF THEM DARK X-MEN? Havok's team has me hyped! I'm still anxious about what people are gonna do with Emma—I've been able to tell that writers have been straight thirsty to make her turn heel again since the end of Morrison's run, despite decades of her being a definite face—but I'm excited to see where it all goes. And secondary mutations getting mentions again?! Awwwww yes.

Anyways, keep the good work going, guys, and as always, #BringBackMaggot!

Jae

Hello X-Office,

I've been an X-Men fan for as far back as I can remember. In fact, Jean Grey is my favorite super hero(ine) of all time and she's my standard for other super heroes.

It was only about a year ago, however, that I obtained access to the comics, even the original ones. I've just finished reading X-MEN BLUE #7 and I am impressed. Jean being team leader is a dream come true and I'm glad she's no longer the damsel in distress.

Thanks and keep up the good work.

Sincerely,
Jordan Garvey
Jamaica

Hey X-Squad,

I had to write in and tell you guys just how happy that cover to X-MEN BLUE #9 made me. The original cover by Steranko is actually my all-time favorite cover. I was a bit down in the dumps before getting this issue in the mail and it sure picked up my spirits and made my day. I actually have the original X-MEN #50 signed by Jim Lee himself.

Keep keeping it classy, guys!

Ram
NY

Hey X-Team!

I just had to say WOW! I've been a fan of the X-Men since I can remember with over 20 years of reading and collecting, so when I found out about the revamping of my favorite childhood titles, I was so excited.

I must say, you have not let me down!!! Everything from bringing in Jimmy Hudson to having Jean lead the team has given me more reasons to fall in love with my favorite super heroes all over again. Every series in the ResurrXion line is fantastic. I have not missed a single issue from any of the titles, nor will I. Keep up the amazing work!

Gary M.
Ocala, FL

HOUSE OF X

This HOUSE OF X I want to talk about some spectacular storylines going on in a few of our books.

If you haven't heard the big news, sorry to spoil, but in **ASTONISHING X-MEN** we've revealed that X-Men founder Charles Xavier is trapped in the astral plane by his archenemy, the Shadow King. Will he make it back to the land of the living? Issue #2 is on sale now and reveals more of the mind-blowing and dangerous mission some of your favorite X-Men have embarked on. And, hate to tell you, but one of them isn't going to make it back. Written by Charles Soule and drawn by master artist Mike Deodato Jr.

One of my favorite X-Men villains, Omega Red, returns to give the **X-MEN GOLD** team a megaton of trouble in a heartbreaking story of Rasputin family drama. A poignant but action-packed tale by Mark Guggenheim and Lan Medina. Over in **X-MEN BLUE**, Hank's dabbling with the dark arts will have major ramifications for him and his teammates, so don't miss the beginning of a three-parter that will bring out the beast in our young team and debut a new future member. The mystical mayhem is brought to you by Cullen Bunn, Giovanni Valletta and Douglas Franchini.

And over in one of my favorite solo titles, **ICEMAN**, Bobby Drake reveals something he's kept from his family all his life while an epic battle with one of the X-Men's biggest baddies, Juggernaut, breaks out in the story of the year by Sina Grace and Alessandro Vitti.

We've run out of room but next House of X I'll give tidbits on more X-titles. And speaking of our winning lineup, here's a checklist of our awesome books:

X-MEN GOLD:

By Marc Guggenheim and Marc Laming. Kitty Pryde takes charge and leads a new team into a heroic age!
Issue #13!

X-MEN BLUE:

By Cullen Bunn and Jorge Molina. The time-displaced original five join their greatest enemy, Magneto. Evil mutants, you're toast!
Issue #13!

WEAPON X:

By Greg Pak, Marc Borstel and Ibraim Roberson. The Weapon X program is back, but this time they are building weapons of mutant destruction. Old Man Logan, Sabretooth and a team of stealthy killers take the bloody battle back to them.
Issue #9!

ALL-NEW WOLVERINE:

By Tom Taylor and Leonard Kirk. A virus from another world threatens to wipe out mankind. Kicking off an epic tale that will take Laura Kinney to the stars.
Issue #24 on sale now!

GENERATION X:

By Christina Strain and Eric Koda. Jubilee and a band of mutant misfits in the new Xavier Institute. What could go wrong? **EVERYTHING!**
Issue #7!

JEAN GREY:

By Dennis Hopeless and Paul Davidson. She's the leader of X-MEN BLUE, but what does she do in her spare time? What would you do if you had a premonition of the Phoenix Force returning?
Issue #7 on sale now!

CABLE:

By Ed Brisson and Jon Malin. A new villain is traveling through time to assemble a doomsday weapon. Cable's most dangerous mission ever!
Issue #5 on sale now!

ICEMAN:

By Sina Grace and Robert Gil. The coolest hero on the planet, Bobby Drake the elder, in super-hero solo adventures.
Issue #6!

OLD MAN LOGAN:

By Ed Brisson and Mike Deodato Jr. The Maestro! Old Man Logan! Deodato! 'Nuff said!
Issue #29!

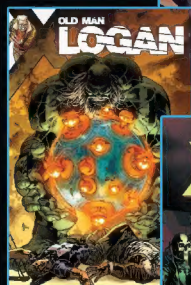
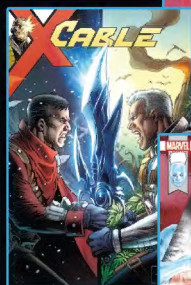
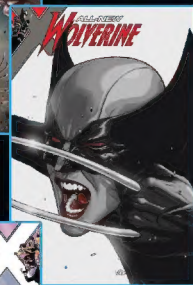
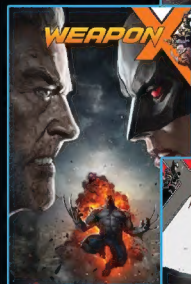
ASTONISHING X-MEN:

By Charles Soule and a murderers' row of chart-topping and up-and-coming artists. Fan-favorite characters battle one of the X-Men's most dangerous foes!
Issue #4!

Make sure to let us know your thoughts. You can email us at officex@marvel.com (add "OKAY TO PRINT" in the subject line). And don't forget about #XMENMONDAY on Twitter, where I'll post some tidbit from one or more of the books and address your questions. I can't guarantee an answer for everybody, but I'll do my damndest!



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